



Quarterly Reporting Tips

At the close of the first contract year, the State Office of EMS/Trauma performed an internal audit of the grant administration process. As a result, we developed a standard way to verify that each deliverable of the contract is being met throughout the year by each facility. This process will aid us in meeting our fiscal year end reporting requirements for the state and federal offices.

As this is the beginning of the second contract year, we encourage you to review the deliverables located in

paragraph #201, item A of the trauma contract. Please include information for each deliverable on the quarterly programmatic report —Annex B. If you do not have any activity to report for a specific deliverable, please indicate so in the report under the corresponding section of the quarterly programmatic report. If after reviewing the deliverables you discover that an activity was not documented, it is acceptable to submit an addendum for any

corresponding quarter describing activities not included in the original report.

Please, let us know if you have any questions.



Welcome Newcomers

Fred Grant, Operations Analysis Manager for the State Office of EMS/Trauma

Teresa Paome, Trauma Nurse Coordinator for CHOA—Scottish Rite

Leanne Pack, Trauma Nurse Coordinator for Memorial Health University Medical Center

Kim Clark, Trauma Registrar for Memorial Health University Medical Center

Karen Johnson, Trauma Registrar for DeKalb Medical Center

Announcements

Joan Birzes with North Fulton Regional Hospital transferred to the ED Director position effective November 1.

Marie Probst, CSTR with the State Office of EMS/Trauma passed the Certification Exam for Trauma Registrars administered by the American Trauma Society on September 20th.

If you have news you would like to share, please forward the information to Renee Morgan at rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us to be included in the next issue.

Office of EMS Updates

The EMS-C coordinator, Kelly Buddenhagen, taught the “First There First Care” program to the Boy Scout Pack 598, Webelos Den 9 in Sugar Hill, Ga. Learning CPR and first aid is a requirement to cross over into Boy Scouts. **Way to go!!**

The EMS Certification section is performing an audit of all EMT, CT, and Paramedic’s certifications. The re-certification period ends June 30, 2004.

Research has begun to link pre-hospital registry and trauma registry data. The pre-hospital Patient Care Report (PCR) number has proven to be invaluable.

A web based data collection system of Patient Care Reports (PCR) for rural areas is in the pilot stages.

Recycled computers are being donated to rural ambulance services to help them become web based services.

A new database containing National Registry scores is being created to allow us to query training centers and pass/fail ratios.

The Trauma Beat

- New state policies and procedures are being written by the State Office of EMS/Trauma involving designation, re-designation, trauma registry data collection and submission to the state regional registry.
- Re-designation Questionnaires will be mailed in December to all designated trauma centers. Each questionnaire will be due back to the State Office of EMS/Trauma by **May 1, 2003**.
- FY 2004 second quarter site visits will continue through October, November and December. The focus for this quarter will be on trauma registry data again. Last quarter's data site visits were effective in reducing the number of downloads centers performed to the state regional trauma registry. Continued education and cooperation by all are vital to the success of the state regional trauma registry.
- The latest NTRACS® version is due to be released soon. Look for more information from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The next data download is scheduled for December 10, 2003. Please continue to use Version 3.2 through 2003.

2004 Trauma Coordinator Meetings:

Dates:

1/28/04, 3/31/04, 5/26/04, 7/28/04,
9/22/04, 11/10/04

Location:

The Skyland Center
2600 Skyland Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

Times: 10:00—11:00 TAG
11:00—15:00 Meeting

Lunch: On your own



State of Georgia

Regional Trauma Registry Data

Source: State Office of EMS/Trauma Registry
Report January 1—March 31, 2003 (Preliminary Data)

Date Range: January — March 2003

Total Records Received: 1982

Number of centers reporting 15:15

Gender: Male 1340 68%
Female 642 32%

Type of Injury: Blunt 1652 83%
Penetrating 305 15%
Burn 17 1%
Not Available 8 <1%

Mechanism of Injury:

MVC 796 40%
Other 395 20%
Fall 335 17%
Firearm 204 10%
Pedestrian 114 6%
Cut/Pierce 79 4%
MCC 59 3%

Mode of Arrival:

Ambulance 1427 72%
Helicopter 298 15%
Walk in 189 10%
Not Available 68 3%

Transfers:

of transfers to a trauma center 431

of transfers from a trauma center after admission 107

of transfers from a trauma center's ED to another hospital 42

ED Disposition:

Floor	693	35%
ICU	580	29%
OR	448	23%
Not Avail	73	4%
Died in ED	58	3%
Home	50	3%
Transfer to other hospital	42	2%
Telemetry	25	1%
DOA	13	<1%

Hospital Disposition:

Home	1378	70%
Rehab	182	9%
Death	163	8%
Transfer	112	6%
Nursing Home	37	2%
Home Health	29	1%
Jail/Prison	28	1%
Not Available	19	1%
AMA/other	13	1%
DOA in ED	12	1%
Transfer to TC	9	<1%

Avg. ISS 12.6

Avg. Days in ICU 3.57 days

Avg. Hospital LOS 7.17 days

Mortality Rate: B P Other

of ED Deaths (incl DOA) 37 31 2

of Deaths after Admit 85 20 0

Dear EMS/Trauma Guru,

E-mail your trauma program or registry questions to rwmorgan@gdph.state.ga.us. Answers will be obtained from qualified sources across the state and provided to readers in the next issue.

Trauma System Development Committee

The trauma grant's year end programmatic report was sent to Washington, D.C. on October 29th with a draft copy of the Trauma Plan. The committee will gather again in January 2004.

Did you know the busiest day of the week in the ED is Saturday between 19:00 and 19:59?

